the manner in which the influential prisoners/undertrials in Tihar Jail are regularly taken out on conducted tours on one pretext or the other; and

(b) if so, what action Government are taking in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) Yes. However, it is incorrect to say that any influential prisoners/undertrials in Tihar Jail are taken out on conducted tours.

(b) Does not arise.

Formation of Technological township

355. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV:
DR. (SHRIMATI) NAJMA HEPTULLA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for the formation of Technological township in India for the Indian scientists who are working abroad and want to come back to India ;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) how many Indian scientists are working in foreign countries and which country has maximum number of Indian scientists?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) No Sir. There is no proposal under Government's consideration for the formation of Technological township in India for the Indian Scientists abroad. However, Department of Electronics have approved setting up of three technology parks by NRIs for hundred per cent export of software. These are :--

(1) Indo-American Capital and Technology Cooperation (ICAT) USA at Pune, Maharashtra.

(2) Indus Technology Incorporated USA at Kotagiri Tamil Nadu; and

(3) Indus Technology Incorporated USA at Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh.

(c) Upto 1-1-1986, the number of Indian scientists/technologists, engineers and medical personnel registered in the Indians Trained Abroad Register maintained by C.S.I.R. was about 25,000. Out of this, more than 11,900 are reported to have returned to India. The maximum number of Indian scientists are likely to be in the U.S.A.

Gangotri Mission to Antarctica

356. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV :
DR. (SHRIMATI) NAJMA HEPTULLA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what is the recent Gangotri Mission to Antarctica;

(b) how many scientists and other experts are participating in the said mission; and

(c) what is the subject of their study at Antarctica ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) The recent Gangotri Mission to Antarctica is the Fifth

Indian Expedition which was launched on 30 November, 1985. It returned to India on 24 March, 1986.

(b) The expedition team consisted of 88 persons. The number of scientists in the team was 21, including two women scientists. The other member were for the logistic support. A fourteen member team has been left behind to undergo wintering in Antarctica and will return to India in March; 1987.

(c) Investigations were undertaken under two major areas namely the exploration of living and non-living resources of Antarctica. In the field of meteorology, an automatic data collection platform was installed successfully near the Dakshin Gangotri station which transmits weather data from Antarctica to India daily. Geological and Geophysical investigations were conducted in the eastern Wohlthat mountain range and Schirmacher Range which are located at 190 km and 75 km respectively southwest of the Dakshin Gangotri. Other scientific disciplines investigated included fatigue of materials exposed to Antarctic conditions, geo-magnetism and marine microbiology. Indigenous solar panels were also tested for their performance in Antarctic conditions.

New Delhi talks between India and UK on extremists

357. SHRI RAMKRISHNA MAZUMDER: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether bilateral talks between India and Great Britain were held recently in New Delhi regarding the London-based anti-India activities of extremists and terrorists; and

(b) if so, what was the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) India's serious concern at the activities of anti-Indian extremists in the U.K. was conveyed to the U.K. Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs requesting that the U. K. Government should, *inter alia*, invoke the use of executive and political powers vested in them to curb such activities.

***Concern of SAARC over transfers* of amount from developing to the developed countries**

358. SHRI CHITTA BASU :
SHRI RAMKRISHNA MAZUMDER :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the South Asian Association for Regional Co-operation has recently expressed its concern over reverse transfers of huge amounts annually from the developing to the developed nations ; and

(b) whether the Government of India have taken the matter with the developed nations as a follow-up measure ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K.R. NARAYANAN) : (a) Yes Sir, in pursuance of a decision of the Summit of the countries of South Asia held in Dhaka, December 1985 a Ministerial Meeting of the SAARC countries was held in Islamabad, April 2-3, 1986 to coordinate policies on international economic issues. In their declaration the Ministers expressed their concern that there was a substantial reverse transfer of resources annually from the developing to the developed countries.